



## **First Bush Budget Adds Brownfields To Tax Cuts, Environmental Programs**

WASHINGTON, DC (ENS) - Under President George W. Bush's first federal budget, detailed in a speech to Congress last Wednesday, the President promised increased funding for efforts to reclaim and renovate urban brownfields.

Bush's 49-minute speech emphasized "reasonable and responsible" spending to pay down the nation's debt and offer a massive income tax cut retroactive to January 1. Saying he wanted to fund "the nation's priorities," Bush also proposed increased funding for education, health care and the military.

On the environment, Bush pledged to "improve our environment by accelerating the cleanup of toxic brownfields." As promised during his campaign, Bush also proposed full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and \$4.9 billion over five years to meet the National Park Systems' backlog of maintenance and improvement needs.

Regarding energy and renewable energy, Bush promised to increase domestic energy supplies without damaging the environment. "We can produce more energy at home while protecting our environment, and we must," Bush said, earning a round of applause. "We can produce more electricity to meet demand, and we must. We can promote alternative energy sources and conservation, and we must."

The outline of President Bush's budget proposal can be read at:  
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/usbudget/blueprint/budtoc.html>